



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION IX  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 13, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Request for participation at the Fruitland Magnesium Fire Incident Site, Maywood, Los Angeles County, CA

**FROM:** Dan Meer, Assistant Director  
Superfund Division

**TO:** Steve Santa Croce, Senior Engineer - Solid Waste and Tire Cleanup Program  
California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery

EPA Region 9 is requesting participation from the State of California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) at the Fruitland Magnesium Fire Incident Site (the "Site"). The Site is located at 3570 Fruitland Avenue in Maywood, Los Angeles County, California. The business that operated on this industrial property include Panda International Trading Company (PIT) and SOKOR Metals Company. Both businesses were heavily damaged in a fire on June 14, 2016.

EPA Region 9 is the lead agency for removal of hazardous wastes at the Site. There are also significant amounts of solid waste present at the Site and this is the focus of the request for CalRecycle participation. EPA Region 9 understands that the CalRecycle jurisdiction is limited to the non-hazardous solid waste and that our current request for assistance is limited to the hauling and disposal of the unburned solid waste material. The EPA Region 9 Emergency and Rapid Removal Services contractor will segregate materials and load the trucks provided through the CalRecycle contractor for off-site transportation and disposal.

EPA Region 9 understands that CalRecycle has a cost recovery requirement to use its funding and participate in the cleanup at the Site. Should EPA Region 9 pursue cost recovery, EPA Region 9 intends to provide CalRecycle with notice of such effort and an opportunity to participate in negotiations so that CalRecycle may pursue cost recovery under its own authority.

Please reply with the ability of CalRecycle to participate at the Site.

Sincerely,

Daniel Meer, Assistant Director  
Superfund Division